
DISCUSSION RUBRIC

Above Standard 7 - 10 points

Initial Posting

This excellent posting reflected that the student read and understood the assigned material, referring specifically to assigned reading or related research.

The posting has a clear purpose: to inform, persuade, or raise an interesting question. It may also provoke conversation or offer an opposing view of the devil's advocate.

When appropriate, the posting refers to outside sources in supporting its arguments.

The post meets the word requirement of 150 to 350 words and there are no proofing or spelling errors.

Post is made early in the assignment period, giving fellow group members plenty of time to reply.

Replies 3-5

Replies are substantive and reflect that the student read and thought about the assigned reading and additional sources posted by the person they are replying to.

The reply moves the conversation forward or makes a reply to a question asked in response to their own posting.

Replies are made over several days rather than all crammed into the due dates.

Below standard 0 - 6

Initial Posting

This posting does not reflect that the student did or understood the reading. This posting could have been made without the student doing any reading or research at all.

The posting has no apparent purpose other than meeting the assignment requirement. It does not move the conversation forward or offer a reasoned opposing opinion.

The posting fails to make appropriate reference to outside materials in supporting any arguments.

There are one or more proofing errors.

Post is made at the last minute or late.

Replies:0-2

Replies lack substance and do not reflect any reading or thought about the reading or additional sources.

The reply does not move the conversation forward or answer a question presented.

Postings are made late on the day the assignment is due so that it is difficult for others to respond.